

## Colombian consensus on the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of *Candida* Spp. disease in children and adults<sup>\*,+</sup>

**Annex 1.** Vote on questions of the modules of the consensus (Delphi methodology).

Module	No. of Voters	Mean	Median	Minimum Scored Value	Maximum Scored Value	Percentage of Applicability
DIAGNOSIS OF INVASIVE CANDIDIASIS (IC)	13	7.3	7	3/1	9/9	77
DIAGNOSIS OF CANDIDEMIA	13	7.2	7	2/1	9/9	88
ANTIFUNGAL PROPHYLAXIS FOR CANDIDEMIA/IC	11	7.0	8	1/1	9/9	95
CANDICEMIA/IC IN NON-NEUTROPENIC PATIENTS	13	6.3	7	3/1	9/9	94
CANDICEMIA/IC IN NEUTROPENIC PATIENTS	13	6.8	7	2/1	9/9	95
TARGETED ANTIFUNGAL TREATMENT FOR CANDIDEMIA/IC	13	6.8	7	2/1	9/9	95
CANDICEMIA/IC IN NEONATE PATIENTS	9	8.4	9	3/1	9/9	100
MANAGEMENT OF CANDIDEMIA/IC IN SPECIAL SITUATIONS	13	6.5	7	2/1	9/9	90
INTRAABDOMINAL/PERITONEAL IC	13	6.5	7	2/1	9/9	94
<i>Candida</i> spp. URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS	13	6.7	7	2/1	9/9	94
<i>Candida</i> spp. RESPIRATORY TRACT INFECTION	13	6.7	7	2/1	9/9	94
PREVENTION OF <i>Candida</i> spp. IFDs	9	9.0	9	9/9	9/9	100

**Annex 2.** Score of guidelines found in the bibliographical search by AGREE II methodology<sup>38,40,42,46,70,72,108,178,388-392</sup>.

MODULE	Bibliographical References												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>MODULE 1:</b> Scope and Objectives	81.6	75.3	70.6	80.6	80.6	71.5	75.9	72.2	78.4	48.5	75.0	73.6	80.6
<b>MODULE 2:</b> Participation of persons involved	56.4	48.5	55.6	56.3	60.2	68.1	69.8	66.7	67.9	49.0	54.2	52.8	55.6
<b>MODULE 3:</b> Rigor of Evaluation	62.0	40.0	45.8	87.5	58.3	65.9	75.9	64.8	76.6	47.9	60.9	60.4	59.9
<b>MODULE 4:</b> Clarity of the Presentation	87.6	79.3	85.7	92.1	88.9	77.1	90.1	85.8	88.9	86.4	93.1	97.2	91.7
<b>MODULE 5:</b> Applicability	30.1	31.1	36.9	46.4	55.6	30.2	41.7	49.5	52.8	37.5	33.3	17.7	27.1
<b>MODULE 6:</b> Editorial Independence	64.7	65.9	90.5	99.4	55.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	86.1	75.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>NUMBER OF EVALUATORS</b>	13	11	7	14	6	8	9	9	9	11	4	4	4
<b>TOTAL MEAN</b>	<b>61.9</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>57.9</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>64.7</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>64.7</b>	<b>62.0</b>	63.9

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**Annex 5.** Recommendations for the identification of yeast-like specie<sup>43</sup>.

Identification of <i>Candida</i> species	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a minimum requirement, colony micromorphology observation complemented by macromorphology using the CHROMagar <i>Candida</i>® medium, is recommended.</li> <li>• For second-level hospitals, it is recommended that one or more of the methods below should be used for the identification of species:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Micromorphology of the colonies.</li> <li>○ Macromorphology (CHROMagar <i>Candida</i>® medium).</li> <li>○ Biochemical tests:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ In-house conventional methods.</li> <li>□ Manual commercial systems with limited databases (e.g. Auxacolor® or Uni-Yeast Tek®).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• For third-level hospitals, where transplant recipients, hematological and/or immunocompromised patients are treated, the following are recommended as minimum requirements:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Micromorphology complemented by biochemical tests (API 20 C AUX®, API ID32C®, YST Vitek 2®, RYI MicroScan® or Yeast ID Panels®).</li> <li>○ Molecular methods in specific situations.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Molecular methods (PCR and MALDI-TOF) should be considered for the identification of emerging pathogens and when investigating outbreaks of fungal infections.</li> </ul>	

Adapted from: Colombo AL et al<sup>43</sup>.

PCR: Polymerase chain reaction; MALDI-TOF MS: Matrix assisted laser desorption ionization Time-of-Flight.

**Annex 6.** Chromogenic media for the identification of *Candida* species<sup>43</sup>.

Characteristics of colonies per species after incubation in CHROMagar <i>Candida</i> ® medium, at 37 °C, for two days	
Species	Color and morphology
<i>Candida albicans</i>	Green.
<i>Candida tropicalis</i>	Dark blue to grey blue (with pink halo in agar).
<i>Candida krusei</i>	Pale pink to purple (intense tone with pale edges) and a dry texture.

Adapted from: Colombo AL et al<sup>43</sup>.

**Annex 7.** Automated methods for the identification of yeast-like fungus species

Method*	Basis	Comment
YST Vitek 2® cards	Analysis cards with 63 wells for the detection of fungal metabolism Reading by fluorescence.	Identification of 51 yeast-like species and organisms, including <i>Candida dubliniensis</i> . Requires additional tests (mainly morphological) when the identification has low discrimination.  Time to identification: 15 hours
YT MicroPlate® system	Identification panels with 94 biochemical tests	Identifies up to 267 different species belonging to 53 genus  Time to identification: up to 72 hours
RYI MicroScan® panel	Microdilution plate with 96 wells that uses 27 dehydrated substrates Identification is performed by conventional and chromogenic tests	Rapid identification of 40 yeast-like species and organisms May require additional tests (mainly morphological) when the identification has low discrimination.  Time to identification: 4 hours
Yeast ID® Panel	Identification panels based on conventional biochemical, chromogenic and fluorogenic tests.	Identification of 64 species of yeast and yeast-like organisms Requires establishing the source culture medium of the fungal isolate in order for the determination of secondary morphological characteristics  Time to identification: 16 hours

\*Information taken from the manufacturer package inserts.

**Annex 8.** Considerations on in vitro antifungal susceptibility commercial tests<sup>258</sup>.

<p>ATB Fungus (bioMérieux), is based on the CLSI microdilution method. Applicable for <i>Candida</i> spp. and <i>Cryptococcus neoformans</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is an easy to perform, reproducible and affordable technique.</li> <li>• It has a good consistency with reference methods (CLSI-EUCAST), mainly with amphotericin B and 5-fluorocytosine.</li> <li>• Limitations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Does not include echinocandins</li> <li>◦ There are discrepancies between fluconazole and itraconazole</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>AST-YS01 Vitek® 2 (bioMérieux), is based on the CLSI microdilution method. Applicable for <i>Candida</i> spp. and <i>C. neoformans</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is an automated and easy technique that allows determining the MIC.</li> <li>• It has a good consistency with reference methods (CLSI-EUCAST).</li> <li>• Limitations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ There are discrepancies when testing antifungal agents with uncommon yeast isolates.</li> <li>◦ It does not include all echinocandins nor itraconazole.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Sensitre™ YeastOne™ (Trek Dg. System) is a colorimetric dilution method based on the CLSI microdilution method.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It incorporates Alamar blue, an oxidoreductase dye that turns red when there is growth and remains blue when there is no growth.</li> <li>• Good reproducibility. One advantage is a more objective reading because turbidity should not be read but only the change in color.</li> <li>• Limitations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Color change may be difficult to appreciate in some isolates.</li> <li>◦ Paradoxical effect (growth in concentrations above MIC) is common with itraconazole and echinocandins.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Neo-Sensitabs™ (Rosco Diagnostic) and SensiDisks (Bio-Rad), are tablets containing the antifungal agent in crystallized form. Its main advantage is the stability of the tablets (up to 4 years at 4-8°C).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are an inexpensive, reproducible and easy to perform resource in routine laboratory tests.</li> <li>• They are useful for knowing the susceptibility to systemic antifungal agents.</li> <li>• Limitations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Issues with azole readings: presence of colonies inside the halo.</li> <li>◦ Issues with the interpretation of some isolates.</li> <li>◦ High percentage (&gt;5%) of errors with fluconazole (some resistant isolates were identified as susceptible).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>E-test® (bioMérieux) and MIC™ (Oxoid), are quantitative systems of diffusion in agar that allow the determination of MIC. Applicable for <i>Candida</i> spp., <i>C. neoformans</i> and filamentous fungi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are rapid, reproducible techniques that allow the determination of MIC.</li> <li>• They are useful for the determination of filamentous fungi in vitro susceptibility</li> <li>• Limitations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Subjectivity and difficulty in yeasts and filamentous fungi MIC readings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Adapted from: Rivas P et al<sup>258</sup>.

CLSI: Clinical and laboratory standards institute; EUCAST: European committee on antimicrobial susceptibility testing; MIC: Minimum inhibitory concentration.

**Annex 9.** Clinical cut off points for common antifungal agents against *Candida* species<sup>38,55</sup>.

Species	Antifungal agent	Cut off points, µg/mL <sup>1</sup>			
		S	DDS	I	R
<b><i>C. albicans</i></b>	Fluconazole	≤2	4		≥8
	Itraconazole	≤0.12	0.25–0.5		≥1
	Voriconazole	≤0.12		0.25–0.5	≥1
	Posaconazole				
	Anidulafungin	≤0.25		0.5	≥1
	Caspofungin	≤0.25		0.5	≥1
	Micafungin	≤0.25		0.5	≥1
<b><i>C. glabrata</i></b>	Fluconazole		32		≥64
	Itraconazole				
	Voriconazole				
	Posaconazole				
	Anidulafungin	≤0.12		0.25	≥0.5
	Caspofungin	≤0.12		0.25	≥0.5
	Micafungin	≤0.06		0.12	≥0.25
<b><i>C. parapsilosis</i></b>	Fluconazole	≤2	4		≥8
	Itraconazole				
	Voriconazole	≤0.12		0.25–0.5	≥1
	Posaconazole				
	Anidulafungin	≤2		4	≥8
	Caspofungin	≤2		4	≥8
Micafungin	≤2		4	≥8	

Species	Antifungal agent	Cut off points, µg/mL <sup>1</sup>			
		S	DDS	I	R
<b><i>C. tropicalis</i></b>	Fluconazole	≤2	4		≥8
	Itraconazole				
	Voriconazole	≤2	4		≥8
	Posaconazole				
	Anidulafungin	≤0.25		0.5	≥1
	Caspofungin	≤0.25		0.5	≥1
	Micafungin	≤0.25		0.5	≥1
<b><i>C. krusei</i></b>	Fluconazole				
	Itraconazole				
	Voriconazole	≤0.5		1	≥2
	Posaconazole				
	Anidulafungin	≤0.25		0.5	≥1
	Caspofungin	≤0.25		0.5	≥1
	Micafungin	≤0.25		0.5	≥1

Adapted from: Pappas PG et al.; Albataineh MT et al<sup>38,55</sup>.

Blank spaces mean that there are insufficient data to establish clinical cut off points.

I: intermediate; MIC: Minimum Inhibitory Concentration; R: Resistant; S: Susceptible; DDS: Dose-Dependent Susceptible.

<sup>1</sup>CLSI clinical cut off points adopted by CLSI.

Annex 10. Emerging *Candida* species associated with human infections<sup>10</sup>.

Anamorph stage	Teleomorph stage	Clinical relevance and particularities
<b><i>C. africana</i></b>	Not described	Closely related to <i>C. albicans</i> . This species exhibits an intrinsic susceptibility pattern. It is probably less pathogenic than <i>C. albicans</i> and were found almost exclusively in female urinary tract samples.
<b><i>C. auris</i></b>	Not described	Related to <i>C. haemulonii</i> . FCZ MIC is higher than that of <i>C. albicans</i> . Multi-resistant species and very durable in the environment. Resistant to the usual hospital disinfectants.
<b><i>C. braccarensis</i></b>	Not described	Closely related to <i>C. glabrata</i> . Its susceptibility pattern is similar to that of <i>C. glabrata</i> (high azole MIC compared with that of <i>C. albicans</i> ).
<b><i>C. ciferrii</i></b>	<i>Trichomonascus ciferrii</i>	Uncertain clinical significance. Inherent resistance to several antifungal agents.
<b><i>C. dubliniensis</i></b>	Not described	Closely related to <i>C. albicans</i> . With an intrinsic susceptibility pattern similar to that of the abovementioned species; however, it has the potential for acquired resistance.
<b><i>C. fabianii</i></b>	<i>Cyberlindnera fabianii</i>	Uncertain clinical significance. FCZ MIC is higher than that of <i>C. albicans</i> .
<b><i>C. famata</i></b>	<i>Debaromyces hansenii</i>	This species is an uncommon fungemia-causing agent. Recent data question whether this species is a human pathogen (it does not grow at 37°C and there are no cases confirmed by sequencing analysis).
<b><i>C. guilliermondii</i></b>	<i>Meyerozyma guilliermondii</i>	Closely related to <i>C. fermentati</i> and <i>C. palmiophila</i> . Echinocandin and azole MIC is high
<b><i>C. haemulonii</i> (including <i>C. duobushaemulonii</i>)</b>	Not described	May be a human pathogen associated with surface infections and central venous catheter fungemia, in particular in Brazil, the Caribbean and some regions in Asia. Azole and AB MIC is high. Related to <i>C. auris</i> .
<b><i>C. hellenica</i></b>	<i>Zygoascus meyeriae</i>	There have been reports of fungemia and respiratory infections caused by this species. Reduced susceptibility to FCZ, ITZ and CAS. It is susceptible to VCZ.
<b><i>C. inconspicua</i></b>	Not described	Closely related to <i>C. norvegensis</i> . Its susceptibility pattern is similar to that of <i>C. krusei</i> (intrinsically susceptible to FCZ).
<b><i>C. intermedia</i></b>	Not described	It is an oropharyngeal colonization agent associated with bloodstream infections and peritonitis. It is susceptible to all antifungal agents except for 5FC.
<b><i>C. kefyri</i></b>	<i>Kluyveromyces marxianus</i>	No inherent resistance to antifungal agents has been described.
<b><i>C. lipolytica</i></b>	<i>Yarrowia lipolytica</i>	Uncertain clinical significance. FCZ MIC is higher than that of <i>C. albicans</i> .
<b><i>C. lusitaniae</i></b>	<i>Clavispora lusitaniae</i>	AB tends to be inefficient (even with MIC ≤1 mg/L).
<b><i>C. metapsilosis</i></b>	Not described	Closely related to <i>C. parapsilosis</i> . Its susceptibility pattern is similar to that of the abovementioned species (high echinocandins MIC).
<b><i>C. nivariensis</i></b>	Not described	Closely related to <i>C. glabrata</i> . Its susceptibility pattern is similar to that of <i>C. glabrata</i> (reduced susceptibility to azole).
<b><i>C. norvegensis</i></b>	<i>Pichia norvegensis</i>	Closely related to <i>C. inconspicua</i> . Its susceptibility pattern is similar to that of <i>C. krusei</i> (intrinsically susceptible to FCZ).
<b><i>C. orthopsilosis</i></b>	Not described	Closely related to <i>C. parapsilosis</i> . Its susceptibility pattern is similar to that of the abovementioned species (high echinocandins MIC).
<b><i>C. palmiophila</i></b>	Not described	Phenotypically related to <i>C. guilliermondii</i> . Azole MIC is high but echinocandin MIC is low (unlike <i>C. guilliermondii</i> ).
<b><i>C. pelliculosa</i></b>	<i>Wickerhamomyces anomalus</i> (formerly known as <i>Pichia anomala</i> , <i>Hansenula anomala</i> )	FCZ MIC is higher than that of <i>C. albicans</i> .
<b><i>C. pulcherrima</i></b>	<i>Pichia kudriavzevii</i> (formerly known as <i>Metschnikowia pulcherrima</i> )	Its clinical significance is uncertain.
<b><i>C. rugosa</i></b>	Not described	FCZ MIC is higher than that of <i>C. albicans</i> .
<b><i>C. subhashii</i></b>	Not described	Its clinical significance is uncertain.
<b><i>C. viswanathii</i></b>	Not described	Its clinical significance is uncertain.
<b><i>C. zeylanoides</i></b>	Not described	Its clinical significance is uncertain.

Adapted from Arendrup MC et al<sup>10</sup>.

MIC: Minimum inhibitory concentration; FCZ: Fluconazole; AB: Amphotericin B; ITZ: Itraconazole; CAS: Caspofungin; VCZ: Voriconazole; 5FC: 5-Flucytosine.

**Annex 11.** Serum biomarkers for the diagnosis of candidemia/IC<sup>37,41,56,57</sup>.

Diagnostic Test	Description	Optimal sample	S (%)	Sp (%)	Comments and interpretation
<b>Mannan and Anti-Mannan</b> Platelia™ <i>Candida</i> Ag Plus®  Platelia™ <i>Candida</i> Ab Plus® (Bio-Rad Laboratories)	ELISA for the detection of <i>Candida</i> spp. Abs. and Ags.	Serum and plasma	54-94	59-95	It yields results 6 days earlier than detection in blood cultures, even though its use as an early marker of IC is still uncertain. High susceptibility to most of the species; it is not reliable for the detection of certain species such as <i>C. parapsilosis</i> o <i>C. guilliermondii</i> . PPV 17-94%; NPV 89-94%. Its high NPV makes it a good alternative disease exclusion test, which would avoid unnecessary antifungal treatment.  Interpretation of results: A negative MN Ag. result does not exclude the diagnosis of IC, mannanemia is a short-term condition. Anti-MN-Ab and MN Ag titers are supplementary. Serum of patients at risk of IC without MN-Ag may have high titers of anti-MN-Ab and vice-versa.
<b>(1,3)-β-D-glucan</b> Fungitell (Associates of Cape Cod Inc., USA).  Wako WB003 (Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Japan).  Fungitec G (Seikagaku Kogyo Corporation, Japan). B-G Star (Maruha Corporation, Japan).	ELISA for the detection of (1,3)-β-D-glucan, a panfungal component of the cell wall	Serum	65-81	57-83	Is a panfungal <i>Candida</i> non-specific marker. It yields results 7 days earlier than detection in blood cultures. Its diagnostic usefulness varies and depends on the studied population of patients. PPV 22-63%; NPV 77-96%. It is considered particularly useful in patients with intraabdominal infections, in whom culture sensitivity is reduced.  Interpretation of results: Optimal results are obtained when two consecutive tests are positive. One positive result does not allow the identification of the species causing the infection. There is a correlation between a positive test and proven IC.
<b>CAGTA</b> <i>Candida albicans</i> IFA IgG® (Vircell, Spain)	Indirect immunofluorescence assay based on the detection of antibodies against <i>C. albicans</i> germ tube surfaces	Serum	77-89	91-100	CAGTA is not affected by <i>Candida</i> colonization or antifungal treatment. It is useful in the diagnosis of <i>Candida</i> -deep seated infections. Using an early CAGTA detection based-approach may reduce the mortality of critical patients at risk of IC, especially in surgical patients.  Interpretation of results Positive in IC caused by: <i>C. albicans</i> , <i>C. tropicalis</i> , <i>C. parapsilosis</i> , <i>C. krusei</i> , <i>C. glabrata</i> , <i>C. guilliermondii</i> , <i>C. dubliniensis</i> .

Adapted from: Arvanitis M et al.; León C et al.; Ayats J et al.; Colombo AL et al<sup>37,41,56,57</sup>.

ELISA: Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay; Ab: Antibody; Ag.: Antigen; S: Sensitivity; Sp: Specificity; PPV: Positive Predictive Value; NPV: Negative Predictive Value; MN: Mannan; BD: (1,3)-β-D-glucan; CAGTA: Anti-mycelium antibodies.

**Annex 12.** Available molecular and proteomic biomarkers for the diagnosis of candidemia/IC<sup>37,39,55,66,68</sup>.

Test	Basis	Optimal sample	S (%)	Sp (%)	Comments and interpretation
<b>LightCycler SeptiFast™</b> (Roche, Germany)	Multiplex PCR for the detection of bacteria and fungi DL: 30–100 CFU/mL	Clinical samples or samples of negative cultures	61	99	It is possibly less susceptible for <i>Candida</i> spp. compared with similar tests It has better susceptibility compared with conventional blood cultures It is supplementary for diagnosis in high-risk patients  Interpretation of results: It is able to rapidly and accurately exclude the possibility for candidemia and, therefore, limits the inadequate use of antifungal agents Detected species: <i>C. albicans</i> , <i>C. tropicalis</i> , <i>C. krusei</i> , <i>C. parapsilosis</i> , <i>C. glabrata</i> .
<b>FilmArray blood culture identification</b> (Film-Array™ - BioFire DX) (bioMérieux)	Nested PCR Multiplex	Positive blood culture	95-100	99.5-100	It requires minimum preparation of the sample It has a quick turnaround time It requires the use of specialized equipment  Interpretation of results: It is able to rapidly and accurately exclude the possibility for candidemia and, therefore, limits the inadequate use of antifungal agents Detected species: <i>C. albicans</i> , <i>C. tropicalis</i> , <i>C. krusei</i> , <i>C. parapsilosis</i> , <i>C. glabrata</i> .
<b>T2 Candida</b> (T2Biosystems Inc)	NAAT followed by hybridization and T2 magnetic resonance assay DL: 1-3 CFU/mL	Whole blood	91	98	It requires minimum preparation of the sample It has a low limit of detection NPV ≈100% It is expensive and requires the use of specialized equipment  Interpretation of results: Even though this test has the potential to significantly improve IC diagnosis and management, additional evaluations are required to determine a more profitable implementation. It is able to rapidly and accurately exclude the possibility for candidemia and, therefore, limits the inadequate use of antifungal agents Detected species: <i>C. albicans</i> , <i>C. tropicalis</i> , <i>C. krusei</i> , <i>C. parapsilosis</i> , <i>C. glabrata</i> .
<b>PNA FISH</b> (Yeast Traffic Light PNA FISH™)	Nucleic acid sequence probes for the detection of <i>C. albicans</i> / <i>C. parapsilosis</i> , <i>C. glabrata</i> / <i>C. krusei</i> or <i>C. tropicalis</i>	Positive blood culture	92-100	95-100	It is very susceptible and specific It has a quick turnaround time  Interpretation of results: It is able to rapidly and accurately exclude the possibility for candidemia and, therefore, limits the inadequate use of antifungal agents Detected species: <i>C. albicans</i> / <i>C. parapsilosis</i> ; <i>C. tropicalis</i> ; <i>C. krusei</i> / <i>C. glabrata</i> .
<b>MALDI-TOF MS</b> (bioMérieux, France or Bruker Daltonics, Germany)	Concentration of yeast sediment followed by MALDI-TOF MS mass spectrophotometry analysis	Positive cultures or directly from clinical samples, including positive blood cultures	0-100	¿?	The reports on its performance vary, probably due to differences in the preparation of samples (Sepsityper vs. <i>in-house</i> methods) It is convenient for laboratories that use equipment already  Interpretation of results: Detected species: multiple species, depending on the spectra available on libraries
<b>PCR/ESI-MS</b> (Iridica™, Abbott, USA)	PCR followed by electrospray ionization - mass spectrometry Amplicon (PCR/ESI-MS)	Positive cultures or directly from clinical samples, including positive blood cultures	83	94	High susceptibility and specificity It is expensive and requires the use of specialized equipment  Interpretation of results: Detected species: multiple species

Adapted from: Arvanitis M et al.; Brady AC et al.; Vanichanan J et al.; Powers-Fletcher MV et al.; Albataineh MT et al.<sup>37,39,55,66,68</sup>DL: Detection Limit; S: Sensitivity; Sp: Specificity; (%): Percentage; NAAT: Nucleic acid amplification test; PNA FISH: Fluorescent *in situ* hybridization using peptide nucleic acid; MALDI-TOF MS: Matrix assisted laser desorption ionization time-of-flight; PCR/ESI-MS: PCR + mass spectrometry + electrospray ionization.



**Annex 13.** Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics of Systemic Antifungal Agents<sup>65,124,149,148,150,151</sup>

Antifungal agent		Pharmacokinetics	
<b>ECHINOCANDINS</b>	<b>Caspofungin</b>	$C_{max}$	12 mg/L (with 50 mg IV.)
		$AUC_{24h}$	75 mg x h/L (with 50 mg/day IV.)
		$T_{1/2}$	9-11 h
		Protein binding	97%
		DV	0.3 L/kg
	<b>Anidulafungin</b>	$C_{max}$	7.2 mg/L (with 100 mg IV.)
		$AUC_{24h}$	105 mg x h/L (with 100 mg/day IV.)
		$T_{1/2}$	26 h
		Protein binding	99%
		DV	0.56 L/kg
	<b>Micafungin</b>	$C_{max}$	7 mg/L (with 100 mg IV.)
		$AUC_{24h}$	103 mg x h/L (with 100 mg IV.)
		$T_{1/2}$	15 h
		Protein binding	>99%
		DV	0.3 L/kg
<b>POLYENES</b>	<b>Amphotericin B deoxycholate</b>	$C_{max}$	2 mg/L (with 50 mg IV.)
		$AUC_{24h}$	17 mg x h/L (with 50 mg IV.)
		$T_{1/2}$	24 h
		Protein binding	>90%
		DV	4 L/kg
	<b>Liposomal amphotericin B</b>	$C_{max}$	80 mg/L (with 5 mg/kg/day IV.)
		$AUC_{24h}$	555 mg x h/L (with 5 mg/kg/day IV.)
		$T_{1/2}$	24-30 h
		Protein binding	90%
		DV	0.15 L/kg
	<b>Amphotericin B lipid complex</b>	$C_{max}$	1.7 mg/L (with 5 mg/kg/day IV.)
		$AUC_{24h}$	14 mg x h/L (with 5 mg/kg/day IV.)
		$T_{1/2}$	19-45 h
		Protein binding	90%
		DV	130 L/kg
<b>AZOLES</b>	<b>Fluconazole</b>	$C_{max}$	6 mg/L with 100 mg OA; 20-30 mg/L with 400 mg OA
		$AUC_{24h}$	412 mg x h/L with 400 mg/day IV.
		$T_{1/2}$	30 h, 18 h in children (there are no data in severe kidney failure)
		Protein binding	11%
		DV	0.6-0.8 L/kg
		<b>Itraconazole</b>	$C_{max}$
	$AUC_{24h}$		15 mg x h/L with 200 mg/day IV.
	$T_{1/2}$		20-42 h
	Protein binding		99%
	DV		9 L/kg
	<b>Voriconazole</b>	$C_{max}$	3-6 mg/L with 4 mg/kg IV.; 2-3 mg/L with 200 mg OA (both in steady state)
		$AUC_{24h}$	16 mg x h/L with 4 mg/day IV.
		$T_{1/2}$	6 h (there are no data in severe kidney failure)
		Protein binding	60%
		DV	4.6 L/kg
<b>Posaconazole</b>	$C_{max}$	0.22 mg/L	
	$AUC_{24h}$	7.7-33.8 mg x h/L	
	$T_{1/2}$	35 h	
	Protein binding	98-99%	
	DV	4.9-18.8 L/kg	
<b>Isavuconazole</b>	$C_{max}$	7.2 mg/L	
	$AUC_{24h}$	121.4	
	$T_{1/2}$	130	
	Protein binding	99%	
	DV	450 L	
<b>FLUCYTOSINE</b>	$C_{max}$	45 mg/L with 2 g OA	
	$AUC_{24h}$	825 mg x h/L with 6 g/day IV.	
	$T_{1/2}$	3-5 h (in severe kidney failure: 200 h)	
	Protein binding	< 10%	
	DV	0.6 L/kg	

Adapted from: Mensa-Pueyo J. et al.; Gilbert DN et al.; Ruiz-Camps I. et al.; Cuenca-Estrella M; Lewis RE; Bellmann R et al.<sup>65,124,149,148,150,151</sup>

$C_{max}$ : Maximum concentration (Serum peak concentration);  $AUC_{24h}$ : Area under the curve (total drug, including that bound to proteins) 24h;  $T_{1/2}$ : Elimination half-life; DV: Distribution volume; MEC: Minimum effective concentration; MIC: Minimum inhibitory concentration; h: Hours; g: Grams; min: Minutes; IV.: Administered intravenously; OA: Oral administration; kg: Kilogram; L: Liter; mEq: Milliequivalent; g: gram; min: Minutes; SOT: Solid organ transplant; HPCT: Hematopoietic progenitor cells transplant; CNS: Central nervous system.

**Annex 14.** Antifungal treatment per isolated *Candida* species.

Species	Antifungal agent of choice	Alternative agent	Comments
<i>C. albicans</i>	In neutropenic or critical patients: Echinocandin, standard dose. In non-neutropenic, stable patients: FCZ (800 mg loading dose, then 400 mg daily).	AmB-D or AmB-L, standard dose.	Depending on the susceptibility and after appropriate clinical/microbiological response is achieved, de-escalation to FCZ (800 mg loading dose, then 400 mg daily) or VCZ (6 mg/kg twice daily for 2 doses, then 3 mg/kg twice daily) may be appropriate, if echinocandin were used as the starting therapy.
<i>C. parapsilosis</i>	In neutropenic or critical patients: Echinocandin, standard dose. In non-neutropenic, stable patients: FCZ (800 mg loading dose, then 400 mg daily).	AmB-D or AmB-L, standard dose.	
<i>C. tropicalis</i>	In neutropenic or critical patients: Echinocandin, standard dose. In non-neutropenic, stable patients: FCZ (800 mg loading dose, then 400 mg daily).	AmB-D or AmB-L, standard dose.	
<i>C. auris</i> *	AmB-L (3 mg/kg daily) for 5 d + Equinocandin, standard dose, for 3 weeks.	Not established.	
<i>C. glabrata</i>	Echinocandin, standard dose.	AmB-D or AmB-L, standard dose.	
<i>C. krusei</i>	Echinocandin, standard dose.	AmB-D or AmB-L, standard dose.	Depending on the susceptibility de-escalation to VCZ (6 mg/kg twice daily for 2 doses, then 3 mg/kg twice daily) may be appropriate.
<i>C. lusitanae</i>	FCZ (800 mg loading dose, then 400 mg daily). VCZ (6 mg/kg twice daily for 2 doses, then 3 mg/kg twice daily).	Echinocandin, standard dose.	
<i>C. guilliermondii</i>	Echinocandin, standard dose.	AmB-D or AmB-L, standard dose.	Depending on the susceptibility and after appropriate clinical/microbiological response is achieved, de-escalation to FCZ (800 mg loading dose, then 400 mg daily) or VCZ (6 mg/kg twice daily for 2 doses, then 3 mg/kg twice daily) may be appropriate.
<i>C. haemulonii</i>	Not established.	Not established.	High FCZ and AmB-D in vitro MICs, with good echinocandin activity; however, published evidence is insufficient.

(Adapted by experts of the consensus)

\*<https://www.cdc.gov/fungal/diseases/candidiasis/c-auris-treatment.html>. Take into account the hemodynamic situation of the patient and the in vitro sensitivity of the specific isolation, for the start of combined treatment.

FCZ: Fluconazole; VCZ: Voriconazole; AmB-D: Amphotericin B deoxycholate; AmB-L: Liposomal amphotericin B; CAS: Caspofungin; ANI: Anidulafungin; MIC: Miconazole; Day/days; h: Hours; mg: Milligrams; kg: Kilograms.

**Annex 15.** PK/PD Parameters of Antifungal Agents<sup>65,124</sup>.

Antifungal agent	In Vitro Activity	In Vitro PAE	Efficacy Predictive Parameters
<b>Polyenes</b> (Amphotericin B)	<b>Fungicidal</b> Concentration-dependent against <i>Candida</i> spp., <i>Cryptococcus</i> and <i>Aspergillus</i> spp.	<b>Long-term</b> Concentration-dependent against yeasts and filamentous organisms.	$C_{max}$ /MIC: 4-10
<b>Triazoles</b> (Fluconazole, Itraconazole, Voriconazole, Posaconazole)	<b>Fungistatic</b> Concentration-dependent against <i>Candida</i> spp. and <i>Cryptococcus</i> spp.  <b>Fungistatic</b> Time- and concentration-dependent against <i>Aspergillus</i> spp.	<b>Long-term</b> Time- and concentration-dependent against <i>Candida</i> spp. and <i>Cryptococcus</i> spp. but not against filamentous organisms.	AUC/MIC: $\geq 25$ against <i>Candida</i> spp.  $C_{min}$ : > 500 against <i>Aspergillus</i> spp. with Itraconazole and Voriconazole  Posaconazole requires plasma concentration: 1000-1500 mg/L
<b>Echinocandins</b> (Caspofungin, Anidulafungin, Micafungin)	<b>Fungicide</b> Concentration-dependent against <i>Candida</i> spp.  <b>Fungistatic</b> Concentration-dependent against <i>Aspergillus</i> spp.	<b>Long-term</b> Concentration-dependent against <i>Candida</i> spp.	$C_{max}$ /MIC: > 4 against <i>Candida</i> spp.  AUC/MIC: > 250 in tissue and plasma  $C_{max}$ /MEC (effective): 10 against <i>Aspergillus</i> spp.

Adapted from: Lewis RE; Bellmann R et al<sup>65,124</sup>.

PAE: Post-antifungal effect.

**Annex 16.** *Candida* species and predisposing factors for IFD in pediatric patients<sup>189</sup>.

Species	Risk Factor for IFD
<i>C. albicans</i>	Intensive Care Units, CVC, treatment with antibiotics or corticosteroids, surgery
<i>C. parapsilosis</i>	Prematurity, CVC, PN
<i>C. tropicalis</i>	Immunosuppression, neoplastic diseases
<i>C. glabrata</i>	Prior treatment with FCZ, severe immunosuppression
<i>C. krusei</i>	Prior treatment with FCZ, immunosuppression, neoplastic diseases

Adapted from: Figueras C et al<sup>189</sup>.

CVC: central venous catheter; PN: Parenteral nutrition; FCZ: Fluconazole.

**Annex 17.** Algorithm of antifungal prophylaxis with fluconazole in preterm neonates<sup>98</sup>.

High-risk groups	< 1000 g at birth or born < 27 weeks	1000-1500 g at birth
Criterion	< 5 days of age CVC or endotracheal tube	> 3 days of therapy with antibiotics CVC
Dose	3 mg/kg IV. (twice a week)	3 mg/kg IV. (twice a week)
Duration	Until the patient no longer requires venous access	Same as that of treatment with antibiotics, or while the CVC is in place
Monitoring	Weekly liver function tests All isolates should undergo susceptibility tests	Weekly liver function tests All isolates should undergo susceptibility tests
Empiric treatment of <i>Candida</i> invasive infections	AmB	AmB
Level of evidence	A-I	B-II

Adapted from: Kaufman DA<sup>98</sup>.

AI and BII abbreviations refer to the level of evidence/degree of standard recommendation.

CVC: Central Venous Catheter; IV.: Administered Intravenously; AmB: Amphotericin B.